



A documentary film by Crystal R. Emery, p.g.a.

# THE DEADLIEST DISEASE IN AMERICA

Virtual Film Screening Event

## Making An Appeal for Equity and Access During COVID-19

Followed by Live Conversations on Initiative for Change

Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 7 p.m. Eastern

**7:00 ET Film Introduction:**

Soledad O'Brien, *Broadcast Journalist*

**7:10 ET Film Screening:**

*The Deadliest Disease in America*

**8:05 ET Panel Discussion:**

**Moderator**

Shirley Malcom, Ph.D.  
*Senior Advisor, American Association  
for the Advancement of Science*

**Panelists:**

Crystal R. Emery, Ph.D.  
*CEO URU The Right To Be, Inc.  
AAAS IF/THEN Ambassador*

Camara Jones, MD, MPH, Ph.D.  
*Evelyn Green Davis Fellow, Radcliffe  
Institute for Advanced Study at  
Harvard University*

Thomas LaVeist, Ph.D.  
*Dean, School of Public Health &  
Tropical Medicine at Tulane University*

Marc H. Morial, JD  
*President and CEO, National  
Urban League*

Ana Oliveira,  
*President and CEO, New York  
Women's Foundation*

**"The multitude of inequities in our health care is an imbalance our society cannot sustain during these trying times,"** explains filmmaker Crystal R. Emery, p.g.a.

*The Deadliest Disease in America* follows four individuals, including the filmmaker, whose personal stories add to the national debate on our country's healthcare crisis. Emery shares her own experience as an African-American encountering racism while navigating the healthcare system. Emery, whose arms and legs are paralyzed as a result of Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, a form of Muscular Dystrophy, hopes that sharing these stories will stimulate conversations that move individuals to action. The film also focuses on three organizations, from New England to Texas, whose innovative strategies help mitigate the crisis.

**Dr. Forrester Lee, Associate Dean of the Yale Medical School** says, "With an astonishing capacity to see, understand and represent truth, Crystal Emery confronts racism in our healthcare system. In producing the *Deadliest Disease in America*, she gives voice to events and stories that for too long have been ignored and devalued."

**"The ultimate goal of this film is to illuminate disparate treatment based on racial, economic and ethnic differences in order to help achieve a healthcare system that serves all Americans equally,"** says filmmaker Crystal R. Emery.

*The Deadliest Disease in America* is produced by URU, The Right to Be, Inc., a nonprofit, organization that uses multimedia solutions at the intersection of the arts, humanities, science, and technology to move all stakeholders toward a more equitable and humane world.

For more information about *The Deadliest Disease in America* and to view a trailer of the film, please visit URU's website at [www.ururighttobe.org](http://www.ururighttobe.org).

Official Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/173557614>

**"...a daring and insightful film... challenges all of us to demand equal treatment of everyone in the American healthcare system."** Filmmaker Bill Duke



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